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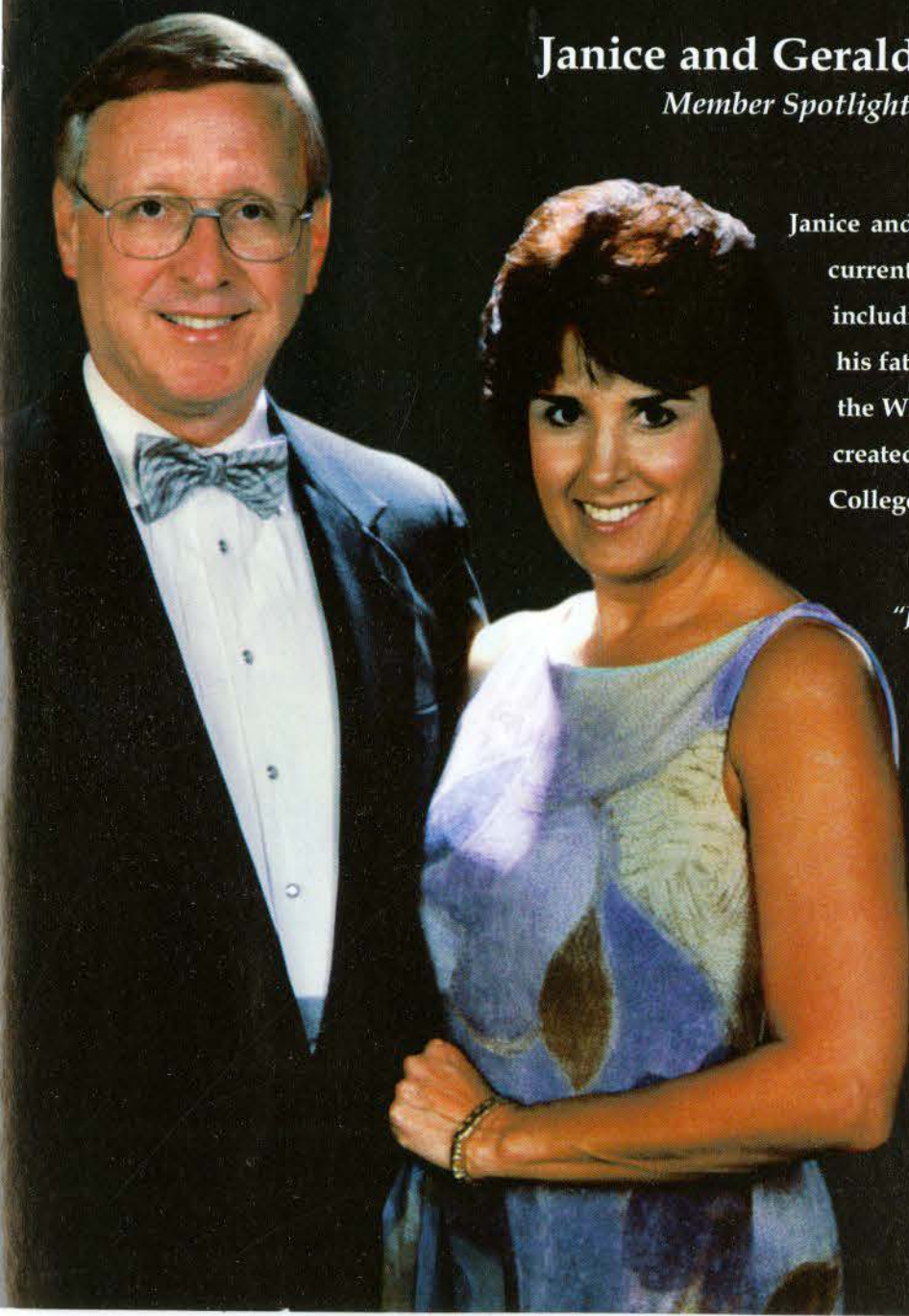
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Janice and Gerry (WKU '70 and '72) Edds have made current gifts to support many aspects of WKU including a scholarship endowment in memory of his father, Dr. W. Gerald Edds, a former member of the WKU Board of Regents. In addition they have created a bequest for the benefit of WKU's Ogden College of Science and Engineering.

"Janice and I have many close ties to WKU. Our current gifts to create the endowed scholarship and provide support for WKU Athletics are representative of our feelings. The bequest we have provided further demonstrates our strong feelings toward WKU's continued progress."

—Gerry Edds

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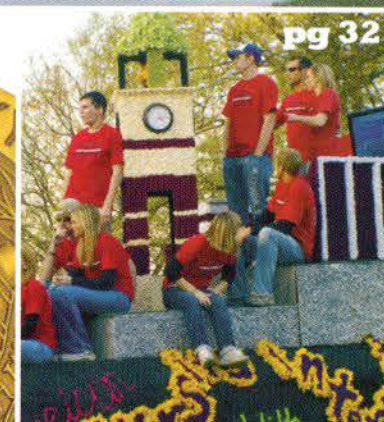
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WKU Awarded Grant to Improve Teacher Education in Math and Science

WKU will receive a grant of up to \$2.4 million from the National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI) for a new program to improve teacher education in math and science. The grant for WKU's SKyTeach is one of 12 to be awarded nationwide to implement programs modeled after UTeach, a successful math and science teacher preparation program at the University of Texas at Austin.

WKU was the only institution in this region of the United States selected by NMSI for the five-year grant to address the critical need for more math and science teachers. SKyTeach is a collaboration of WKU's Ogden College of Science and Engineering and the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and includes partnerships with 10 of 31 school districts in the Green River Regional Educational Cooperative (GRREC) -- Bowling Green, Warren County, Glasgow, Grayson County, Hancock County, Hardin County, Hart County, LaRue County, Logan County and Russellville. Student recruitment for SKyTeach will have two components -- promoting teacher education to all math and science majors at WKU and

raising the awareness among pre-college students, including targeting some of the best young students in Kentucky.

"Replication of the UTeach program at WKU will not only address this region's need for math and science teachers, but will serve all of Kentucky and the entire mid-south region," President Gary Ransdell said. "Since its founding in 1906, WKU has been a leader in teacher education and continues to prepare more teachers than any other institution in Kentucky. All areas of the university recognize teacher preparation as an important mission of the institution, and not just the responsibility of one group."

NMSI is a non-profit organization whose goal is to help the United States maintain its global leadership position in technological innovation. ExxonMobil contributed an initial \$125 million to NMSI's efforts.

Gift from BB&T will Provide Leadership in the Study of Capitalism

A \$1 million commitment from BB&T Corporation will allow WKU to be a leader in the area of moral capitalism.

According to President Gary Ransdell, this leadership gift will create the BB&T Professorship in Economics for the Study of Capitalism. "As a

result of this generous gift, the Gordon Ford College of Business will be able to appoint a respected scholar to lead this new initiative. The professorship will foster the internationalization of our business curriculum and will complement other initiatives in the College, particularly those related to entrepreneurship," Dr. Ransdell said. "We are grateful that BB&T has chosen to create this important program at WKU."

Dr. William Tallon, dean of the Gordon Ford College of Business, said BB&T's support will create an established curriculum at WKU for the study of capitalism—the first such program at WKU. It will allow the Gordon Ford College of Business and the Department of Economics to provide leadership in the area and deliver new courses, conduct research projects, invite guest speakers, host conferences, develop publications, and accomplish other student engagement initiatives.

BB&T

"This gift will also provide support to create a Center for the Study of the Ethical Foundations of Capitalism and its relationship to national and global issues," Dr. Tallon said. "Through BB&T's leadership, the intellectual diversity of the University will be enhanced through the sponsorship of visits from leading scholars, researchers, and observers of market systems, allowing students to learn more about their importance to the issues of the day."

"We believe there needs to be a deeper understanding of the morality of capitalism and its causal relationship

to economic well-being," said BB&T Chairman and Chief Executive Officer John Allison. "This contribution will encourage business graduates who enter the workplace to have a firm grasp of the moral principles underlying the free markets, a better understanding of our economy, and an enhanced ability to make meaningful contributions to the world."

WKU will be one of 25 universities to receive similar funding from BB&T. The BB&T Professorship in Economics for the Study of Capitalism, along with the new Center, will position the Gordon Ford College and WKU within an elite set of universities dedicated to the study, research, and teachings related to the moral foundations of capitalism.

WKU names Knically Center Board Room in Honor of Ward and Ann Elliott



Dean Don Swoboda and Ward and Ann Elliott

For the past 12 years, WKU's Carroll Knically Conference Center at the South Campus has been like a second home for Ward Elliott. Mr. Elliott, a highly respected Bowling Green Realtor, owns and operates the Ward Elliott Institute of Real Estate, which he established in 1982. Since the Knically Center opened, Mr. Elliott has operated most of his classes—both pre-license

and continuing education courses—out of the Knically Center's board room.

Thanks to a generous commitment made by Ward Elliott and his wife, Ann, that room will now bear their name.

Dr. Don Swoboda, dean of WKU's Division of Extended Learning and Outreach (DELO), of which the Knically Center is a part stated "Ward Elliott is, and has been, our longest-standing and most frequent client. As such, he is a role model for how a significant partnership can develop and expand for the joint benefit of our mutual businesses."

The Elliotts recently made a \$100,000 commitment to the Knically Center, and WKU made the decision to name the board room in their honor. "This gift will allow us to create the first stage of an endowment for the Knically Center, which will be used for continuous maintenance, refurbishing, electronic teaching technology and conferencing enhancements, and operations to allow us to continue to offer state-of-the-art conferencing and event facilities to the Bowling Green Community and beyond," Dr. Swoboda said. "The first priority for proceeds from this endowment will be for the enhancement of the Ward and Ann Elliott Board Room."

Ward Elliott earned his B.S. at WKU in 1956 and originally planned to become a teacher. Though his career led him to enter real estate, he was later able to combine his skill in real estate with his love for teaching. He began teaching courses in that area in 1976 and officially opened his institute 16 years later. Ann Elliott is a 1966 WKU graduate and is a real estate executive for Crye-Leike Realty.

"Ann and I are both graduates of WKU, and we wanted to contribute to the continued growth of the

University," Mr. Elliott explained. "I have been having classes at the Knically Center longer than anyone else. It is a great facility. In the past 12 years, I have held hundreds of classes there. I can't think of anywhere I would rather have my name than there."

Kelly Autism Program Presents Alliance Awards



The Kelly Autism Program at WKU presented the 2007 Alliance Awards to several Bowling Green businesses.

The Kelly Autism Program, part of the Clinical Education Complex at WKU, serves families with adolescents and young adults diagnosed in the Autism Spectrum Disorder Continuum.

The Alliance Award Ceremony recognizes individuals making significant contributions to KAP's journey toward national recognition. The Alliance Award is presented to leaders in the business community who have actively participated in the KAP transition to work program. This program is critical in helping participants become independent and productive members in the community.

Recipients of the 2007 Alliance Award were: Bandy Bedding, Bowling Green Parks and Recreation, Buckhead Cafe and Mariah's Restaurant, The Center for Gifted Studies at WKU, Greenview Regional Hospital, Hillvue Heights Church, Holiday Inn University Plaza, Rivendell Behavioral Health Services and State Beauty Supply.

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A New Century of Spirit

The Campaign for Western Kentucky University

A *New Century of Spirit* Dawns at WKU

Western Kentucky University is controlling its own destiny as President Gary Ransdell unveiled a new \$200 million comprehensive campaign on September 14, 2007 that will position WKU to achieve a bold vision of becoming a leading American university with international reach by 2012.

Dr. Ransdell announced the *New Century of Spirit* campaign to faculty and staff gathered at Van Meter Auditorium for the annual Convocation. The celebration continued with the President's Circle Butterfly Gala that evening. This announcement coincided with Dr. Ransdell's 10-year anniversary of service to WKU.

WKU raised more than \$91 million in new gifts and pledges during the campaign's quiet phase, Dr. Ransdell said. "Therefore, with five years to go, we fully expect to surpass the \$200 million goal, to build an endowment of \$200 million and to increase our annual cash flow from gift deposits to \$20 million a year."

THE PRESIDENT'S
CIRCLE

Butterfly Gala



The “*New Century of Spirit*” campaign will focus on the people, places and programs that exemplify the WKU spirit.

By 2012, WKU expects to reach the following goals:

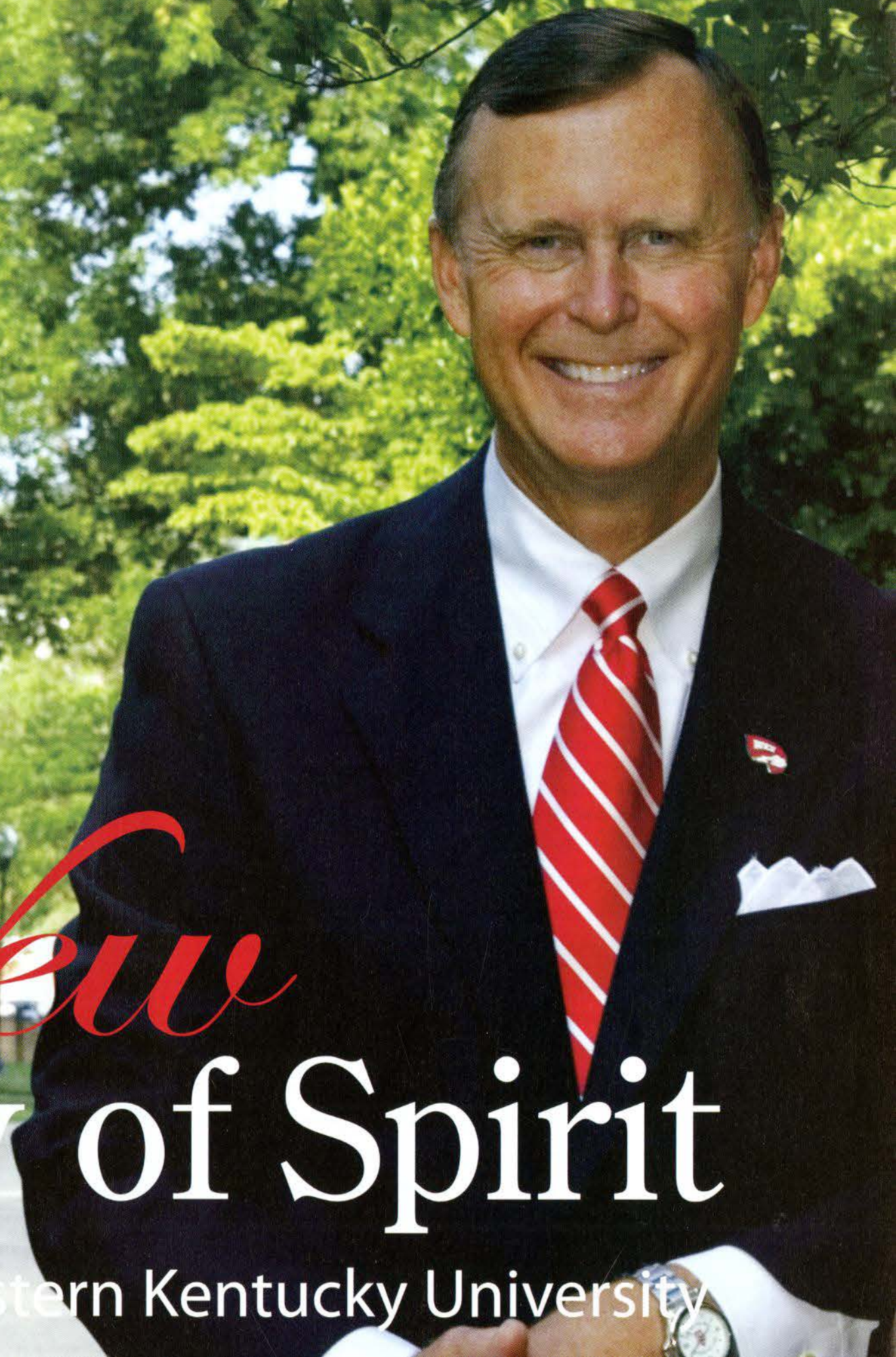
- \$200 million in new gifts and pledges
- \$200 million endowment
- \$50 million generated annually in relevant sponsored research and public service
- \$500 million capital investment in the campus
- \$20 million annually in private support

Tom Hiles, WKU's vice president for Institutional Advancement, said the campaign's impact will reach across the campus community. “I am particularly excited about the opportunity to build an endowment that will greatly enhance WKU's ability to recruit and retain quality students and faculty,” Hiles said. “We are very grateful for all of the alumni and friends who have flooded the quiet phase of the campaign.”

This campaign is about more than just the numbers. This campaign represents the opportunity to provide the capacity for WKU to become nationally prominent. The pages ahead describe the specific priorities of the campaign and the efforts that are underway to transform WKU into a leading American university with international reach.

A *New* Century of Spirit

The Campaign for Western Kentucky University



New Intent

A *New Century of Spirit*, a five-year campaign, was publicly announced on September 14, 2007. By 2012, private philanthropic investments will provide the means to affect profound attitudinal, intellectual, financial, and physical changes in the campus.

By 2012:

- WKU benefactors will contribute \$200 million in new gifts and pledges to ensure a transformed institution.
- New commitments to academic quality will include the enhancement of the *Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky*, a premier Honors College, an internationally engaged faculty and student body, a new practitioner-scholar doctoral program in Educational Leadership, and a business plan for the transfer of campus technology to the workplace and for the commercialization of WKU intellectual property.
- A \$200 million endowment will provide the capacity for more competitive compensation for highly credentialed faculty and financial support for exceptional students.
- WKU faculty will generate \$50 million annually in relevant sponsored research and public service to create meaningful enhancements to the quality of life of all within WKU's regional, national, and global reach.
- A \$500 million capital investment in the campus will greatly enhance high-quality academic, student life, and athletic facilities.
- A rich blend of 20,000 high-energy students will bring an average high school GPA of 3.5 to the campus and will graduate at unprecedented rates.
- WKU will compete for national success at the highest level in all of its academic and athletic programs.

A *New Century of Spirit* will focus on the people, places, and programs that exemplify the WKU Spirit. Support of the campaign will allow the University to reach its goals of attracting and retaining highly credentialed faculty and exceptional students, enhancing WKU's physical campus, and providing academic and programmatic support for all areas of the University. In meeting the goals of *A New Century of Spirit*, WKU will have kept its promise of national prominence with international influence. By 2012, WKU faculty and students will acquire the ability and confidence to compete in distinguished programs with any college or university anywhere on the globe.

New Context

In 1998, WKU initiated its first comprehensive capital campaign. That campaign, called *Investing in the Spirit*, helped WKU raise its sights and embrace a culture of philanthropic capacity. Private support provided the financial impetus to launch an aggressive, measurable, strategic plan called *Challenging the Spirit*. Five years later, the campaign was completed with a total of \$102 million raised in gifts and pledges.

Because of that first strategic plan, WKU's enrollment has grown by 25 percent, more than \$200 million in campus construction has been completed, the School of Journalism & Broadcasting has consistently achieved top ranking in American higher education, the WKU Forensic team has won every major national and international speech and debate tournament, and new baccalaureate engineering programs have helped WKU expand its mission of applied research and drive the economic development of Kentucky. These simultaneous efforts began a definitive transformation of WKU from a university of regional importance to a university of national prominence.

WKU sought significant private support as the *Investing in the Spirit* campaign was launched in 1998. Its benefactors delivered; change and progress are well documented. Early results are abundant. Now it's time to achieve a full and lasting transformation. It is time to fully deliver on the promise of a bold strategic plan.

New Commitment

The architects of this vision, President Gary Ransdell and an engaged and supportive Board of Regents, have made a firm commitment to complete this transformation. This is a rare opportunity for WKU to build on the momentum of an entrepreneurial spirit and innovative leadership. A successful team of on- and off-campus leaders is in place. A strong resolve binds WKU's alumni, faculty, the corporate community, and friends to achieve the vision. Now the University is engaged in a campaign which will cap a remarkable period in the University's history, fulfill the promise of a bold new attitude and a transformed campus, and launch a new and promising era in its second century of service and learning.

SPECIAL SECTION

New Transformation

The campus-wide initiatives and entrepreneurial spirit created through the *New Century of Spirit Campaign* will position WKU to become the intellectual heartbeat of Kentucky. By 2012, the University will fully deliver on its promise of a lasting transformation. The WKU Spirit will be the foundation for a leading American university with international reach.

SPECIAL SECTION

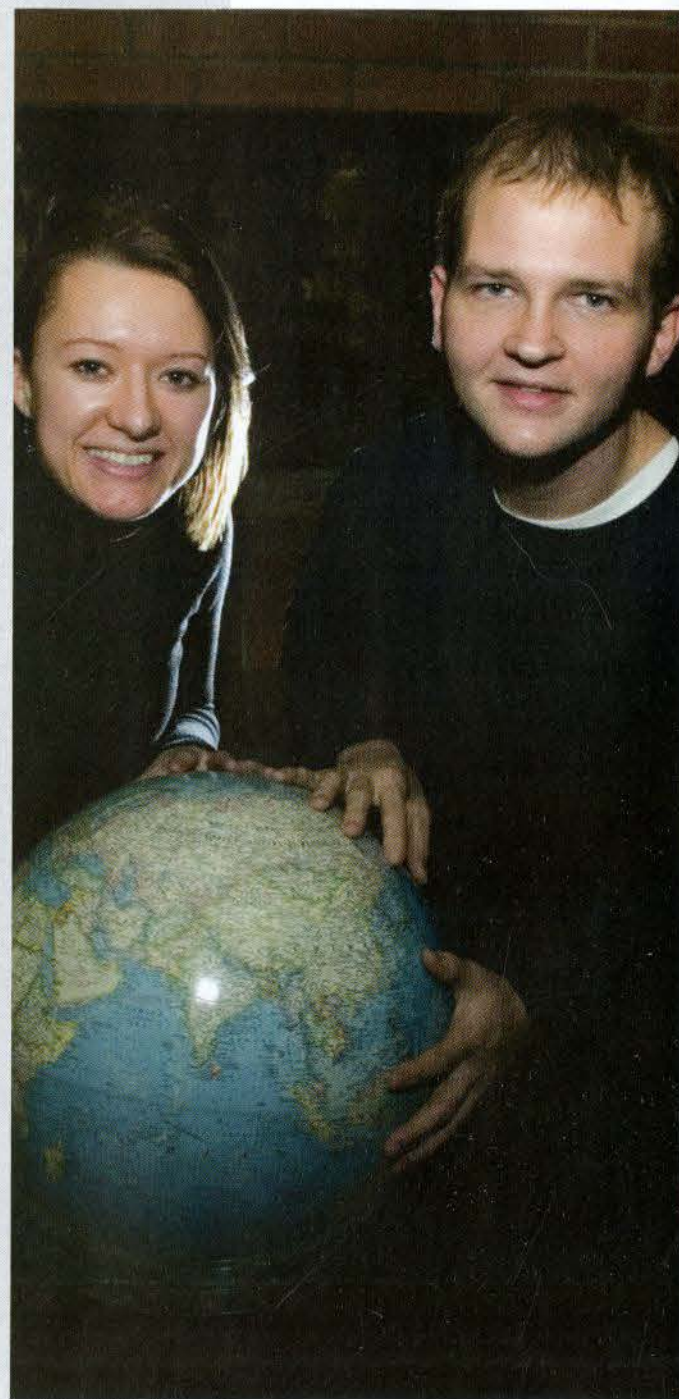
Global Ideas for the

In addition to specific needs in each of WKU's academic, athletic, and programmatic areas, a number of global opportunities are priorities for the *New Century of Spirit* Campaign.

Support for the University's Study Abroad and International Programs

Students almost always describe a study abroad experience as the most transformational component of their college careers. The opportunity to engage with and immerse oneself in a foreign culture rates as an important element of the University experience. But, for most students, financial considerations are the primary obstacles that prevent this type of opportunity from becoming a reality. Increased scholarship funds for study abroad would allow countless more students to engage in this important educational element.

As outlined in the *Challenging the Spirit* strategic plan, WKU's goal is to provide a collegiate experience that prepares students to be informed, engaged, and dedicated citizens. Study abroad opportunities support the internationalization of WKU and promote global awareness by helping students, faculty, and staff develop a unique world-view and understanding. Not only do students learn to acquire an open mind about differences and diversity, they also learn more about themselves and are better able to reflect on their own contributions to the global society. WKU's commitment to study abroad supports its vision to be a leading American university with international reach.



Spotlight on STUDY ABROAD

Study abroad at WKU is about more than places, icons, and classes it is about people. John Stephens studied abroad in Germany, Mexico, and Holland and summarizes his experience with the following:

"My fondest memories of college are the moments studying in another country. If it was the Black Forest in Germany, the pyramids in Mexico, or the canals in Amsterdam, I always came away with something. Great memories, life-lessons, and friends who will always be there for me. Study abroad is an experience no one should be without."

Many students find the relationships they develop last far beyond the actual class and allow the experience to be sustained over a lifetime. Many times students will return from an experience and incorporate it



WKU Business Students in Spain

into their personal and professional goals. New perspectives often lead students in life directions otherwise unknown. Emily Wilcox, who studied for a semester in India, has the following observations:

"Studying abroad was one of the most eye-opening experiences I have had, not only in relation to academics but also in the broader context of being a human being. Seeing how other cultures function, gaining knowledge of concepts firsthand, and being pushed to step outside of your comfort zone are all learning opportuni-

ties that cannot be paralleled. In our rapidly changing world, it is important to think about things globally, and study abroad is a fantastic way to do that. The experience gave me plenty of fresh insights that stretched my mind and my perspective that applies to life in the U.S. as well."

Participation in study abroad initiatives is the ultimate combination of personal growth, development of cultural awareness and appreciation, and professional and/or academic evolution. The ability to experience other cultures in unique ways is the hid-

Global Ideas for the

New Century of Spirit

den beauty of study abroad. Students and faculty are able to experience cultures in a much richer and deeper context than if they were simply tourists. The educational thread that binds these trips gives the participants unparalleled access to some of the more subtle aspects of the culture they are visiting. Derick Strode, who has participated in several study abroad trips as both a student and WKU representative, shares some anecdotes from his experiences:

"My initial study abroad experience to London in 2002 has directed my life since. I have been to eight additional countries since that trip. I have studied abroad twice more through graduate school. I have ended up in the profession of international education, where I now work with international students daily on WKU's campus."

"There are some events that mark a person for a lifetime.



Economics and Sociology Students in Amsterdam

People always ask questions like, Where were you when Kennedy was shot? or What were you doing when you heard about 9/11? Study abroad veterans from WKU have a shared cultural identity in these same terms. One's first day in another culture leaves the type of legacy on one's memory that can only be described in words no weaker than, worldview-shifting. For the first-time traveler, it can be a transition far more valuable than college credit hours being earned. It is through the everyday experiences that a real education is

wrought. I can recall details of my time in Great Britain with amazing vividness — weather conditions the day I went to Kew Gardens, the smell of the inn on the Yorkshire moors, the impatience in the attitude of Londoners on the day of the summertime Tube strike. These experiences, accumulated with thousands of other sensory snapshots, define learning while abroad.

Early in my trip, I went for a walk one day and ended up in Highgate, home of the famous cemetery. I thought I was miles away, on the other side of

in our life as travelers. We knew how to blend. An English girl approached us and asked us for directions while we waited for a train in the London Underground. Coyly, I took the lead in delivering directions I knew to be accurate, taking great care in making sure she understood. When she walked away, I gushed in the appeal of it with my travel mates—we looked like Londoners. We knew what we were doing."

Derick, like many students, has incorporated his study abroad experience into a lifetime of cultural curiosity and learning. Transferring the experiences and cultural awareness to day-to-day life is the true measure of the value of study abroad. The world is a smaller place and all societies are experiencing the flavor of a multi-cultural environment. Students, faculty, and staff who participate in the wide variety of international initia-

tives are perfectly positioned to not only succeed, but to enjoy the ever-changing landscape. In order to prepare students for a global society, we must engage them in the global society... and that is the lifeblood of study abroad at WKU."



WKU students in Paris

Academic Excellence at WKU

Academic excellence at WKU begins at an early age through involvement in the nationally recognized Center for Gifted Studies. The Center is a major hub for gifted and talented education in the United States, with a vision to become a preeminent, comprehensive, international center.

The 25-year history of The Center for Gifted Studies is the most important factor in WKU's selection as the location for the *Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky*. The *Gatton Academy* is a comprehensive, residential program for gifted and talented high school juniors and seniors from across Kentucky who have interests in careers in mathematics, science, technology, and engineering.

Building upon the foundation of The Center for Gifted Studies and the *Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky*, WKU has created a

world-class Honors College. The Honors College at WKU has a mission to offer the University's outstanding students an opportunity to challenge themselves as well as to take an active role in their professional training and personal growth. Honors courses stress independent and critical thinking, a broad worldview, and the development of writing and speaking skills. A WKU Honors education can be the most important deciding factor when competing with others for a premium job, scholarship, or fellowship upon graduation.

The move to an independent Honors College will make the Honors experience a substantial

portion of a student's four-year experience at WKU. The Honors College will offer advisement and faculty who provide personal attention and exciting opportunities for study abroad and competitive internship programs.

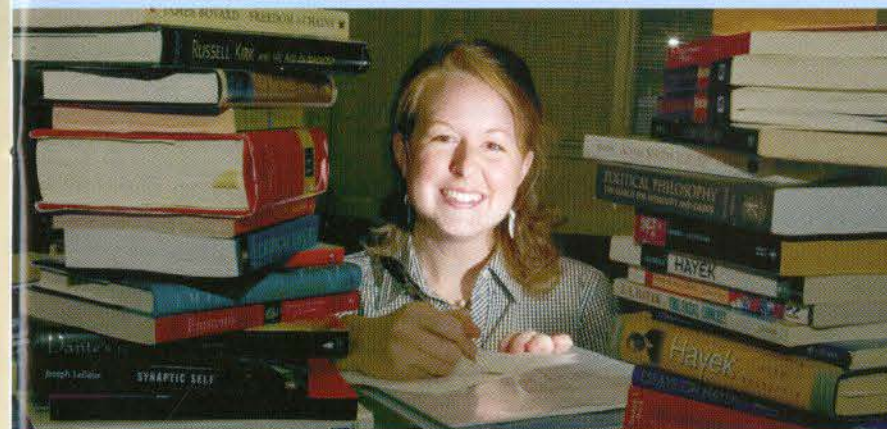
Programmatic, scholarship, and faculty support for these three foundations of academic excellence – The Center for Gifted Studies, the *Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky*, and a world-class Honors College are creating the intellectual heartbeat of Kentucky and are important priorities of the *New Century of Spirit Campaign*.



Spotlight on ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Lindsey Thurman, a May 2007 alumna, will tell you that WKU's Honors College has helped shape her into the person

Thurman, like many other gifted students at WKU, was searching for a place to belong. She found that place in the Honors College.



she is today. When the Russell Springs High School graduate came to WKU as a freshman in 2003, she joined the Honors Program to receive an extra challenge, along with the financial scholarship offered to students. She had been active in her high school, playing the clarinet and serving as the marching band's field commander. Still,

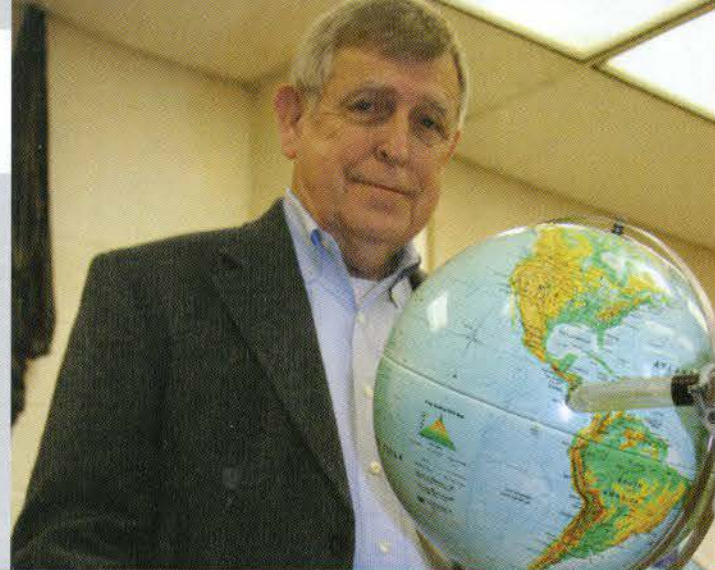
Now she is serving as an admissions counselor for the College and is helping other students find their special place at WKU.

"It is important for WKU to have a world-class Honors College," she said. "It is important for students in Kentucky to have a good set of public and private institutions from which to choose. Many high-achieving

students are bored, are not intellectually stimulated, and are just not enjoying high school. They might be considering a small liberal arts college. We want to provide that small-school experience with the benefits of a larger university. We are creating that niche that these students need – a place where they can feel like they belong."

And for many of these students, that niche is an elusive target. "These students are not nerds," she said. "They are fun, interesting people, but they know what they're here for, and they are serious about their college educations."

Thurman is pursuing a master's degree in Public Administration and hopes to stay at WKU as long as she can. Her ultimate career aspiration is in special programming with Academic Affairs.



New Support

... for a World Class Faculty

Support for faculty is also an important priority of the *New Century of Spirit* Campaign. Distinguished faculty committed to scholarship and excellence in teaching, research, public service and civic engagement stimulate students and strengthen the WKU experience. Endowed faculty positions make a direct contribution to the quality of learning at WKU, enabling academic endeavors that would not otherwise exist. The capacity to attract and retain nationally prominent faculty is essential to WKU's success in being an effective steward of its region and preparing highly skilled graduates who will be leaders around the globe.

In addition, faculty excellence endowments are also a critical campaign priority. One of the most lasting gifts one can make to a university, such

endowments recognize high levels of faculty performance and programs that contribute to the continuing quality improvement of curriculum, students, and faculty. Specific needs include training and development, research support, technology, and travel.

Likewise, visiting scholars contribute to the intellectual life of the campus by facilitating stimulating exchanges of ideas between the scholar and WKU's faculty and students. Visiting scholar endowments are a priority as the University seeks to provide greater access to distinguished and innovative scholars, artists, researchers, and writers—individuals who can offer a unique perspective and energize both faculty and students while providing focused attention on timely issues.

... for the Best and Brightest Students

Providing a quality educational experience for its students is a WKU tradition. The University is engaged in a strong competition with its peer institutions to recruit the nation's top scholars. WKU is committed to providing endowed funds for competitive student scholarships, fellowships, and awards in order to recognize the academic achievements of its best and brightest applicants. Since the cost of an education is rising, needs-based scholarships and awards must also be made available to deserving students.

Undergraduate and graduate research support is also an important priority for the *New Century of Spirit* Campaign. WKU's mission has changed as its strategic plan embraces a bold responsibility for applied research, public service, and civic and global engagement. Gifts in support of faculty and student research can help bright WKU minds identify and solve problems which affect the quality of life in the region and beyond. Likewise, the civic and global engagement of its faculty, staff, and students forms one of the central dimensions of WKU's development as it enters its second century of excellence.

New Support

Endowed Professorship Helps Guide WKU to National Prominence in Astronomy

Spotlight on PROFESSORSHIPS

Thanks to a named professorship, one Physics and Astronomy professor is able to do special work that contributes to WKU's vision to be a leading American university with international reach. Dr. Charles McGruder serves as the *William McCormack Professor in Physics*, which was created in 2000 through a \$500,000 gift from Dr. William M. McCormack, a retired radiologist and 1957 WKU graduate. The gift was matched through the Commonwealth of Kentucky's Regional University Excellence Trust Fund to create a \$1 million endowment.

"The main effect of the professorship is time," Dr. McGruder said. "It reduces my teaching load by one half, which allows me to do pure research – something that is not complementary to a full teaching load. This allows me to do more travel."

Dr. McGruder, who has

spent much of his career increasing the number of minorities studying science-related fields, recently received a six-year, \$355,000 grant from the Kellogg Foundation to help South Africa increase its number of black astronomers. That's especially important where a minority white government ruled under a system known as apartheid from 1948 to 1994.

"As part of apartheid, black South Africans were discouraged from getting higher degrees in important fields for economic development, specifically science and engineering," Dr. McGruder said. "South Africans today by and large don't feel that science and engineering are for them."

But the situation has improved since 1994 when the South African government decided to make major investments in the sciences, including astronomy and astrophysics.

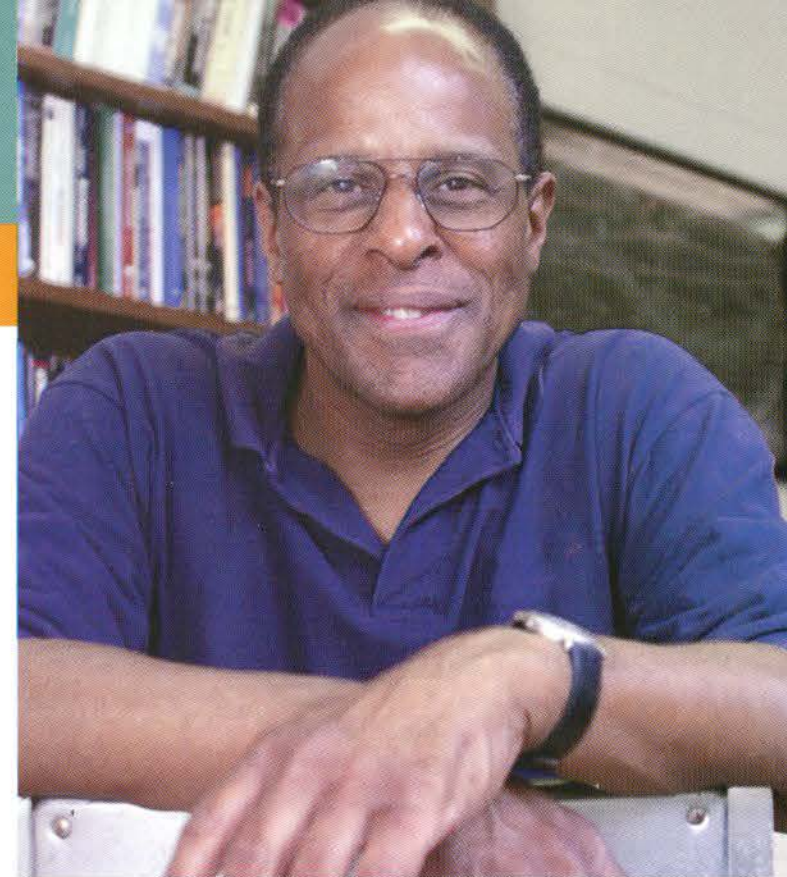
That led to the construction of the Southern African Large Telescope (SALT), the largest single optical telescope in the southern hemisphere, as well as facilities built by other nations. South Africa also is bidding to host the Square Kilometer Array (SKA) project, the world's largest radio telescope, and is planning to construct a powerful SKA Pathfinder telescope.

South Africa, however, does not have enough astronomers, especially black astronomers, Dr. McGruder said. The solution was the creation of a special school – the National Astrophysics and Space Sciences Program (NASSP) – to provide South African students with master's level training in astronomy and space science and serve as a feeder school for doctoral programs. But the school needed role models and mentors for black astronomers.

While serving a term as

president of the National Society of Black Physicists (NSBP), Dr. McGruder received a National Science Foundation grant to travel to South Africa to see how the NSBP could help develop interest in the sciences. The NSBP determined that members of their group should teach in the NASSP acting as role models and mentors and should get involved in outreach to historically black colleges and secondary schools to encourage black South Africans to go into science and engineering fields.

Three organizations – NSBP, WKU, and the University of Cape Town – are collaborating on the project that will send two professors per year to South Africa. "We will not only send professors to teach but we will also send students to serve as role models," said Dr. McGruder, who serves as a member of the NASSP steering committee and spent part of his summer in South Africa working on the project. Dr. McGruder is



also serving as a role model. "Any time you have an African American in a visible role it has implications for young African Americans," he said.

Dr. McGruder said the NASSP hopes to reach 100 South African astronomers as quickly as possible and is already having an impact on South Africa. "We've had significant success since the school started with four black South African astronomers now. That's a lot better than zero," he said.

The number of astronomers working in South Africa also has grown to 60 compared to 36 in 2001 as schools and government agencies hire top-notch

astronomers from international countries.

"Endowments are the way of ensuring that the University will continue in perpetuity," said WKU President Gary A. Ransdell. "Endowments for professorships allow us to attract and retain quality faculty who will continue to enhance already strong programs." WKU currently has 37 endowed faculty positions, 27 of which were achieved during the *Investing in the Spirit Campaign* from 1998 to 2003. Creating additional endowed professorships is a major goal of the *New Century of Spirit Campaign*.

New Support

Current Endowed Professorships

BB&T Professorship in Economics for the Study of Capitalism	W.M. and Ann A. McCormack Chair in Physics
Jerry E. Baker Professorship in Music	William M. McCormack Professorship
Boyd-Lubker Visiting Scholars Program	Meany Professorship in Accounting
Wendell Cherry Visiting Professorship in Business Leadership and Ethics	Mary R. Nixon Professorship in Accounting
Commonwealth Health Corporation/ CenterCare Health Care Benefit Programs Visiting Professorship	Owsley Visiting Professorship in Business Leadership and Ethics
Mattie Newman Ford Professorship in Entrepreneurship	Leon Page Professorship in Banking and Financial Planning
Richard Frockt Family Professorship in Civil War History	Robinson Professorship
Greulich Endowed Chair in Robotics and Automation Engineering	James D. Scott Professorship in Civil Engineering
Kenneth E. and Irene S. Hall Professorship in Civil Engineering	Walter N. Scott Professorship in Physiology
HCA Visiting Professorship	Zuheir and Susan Sofia Professorship in International Studies
Holland Professorship in Accounting	Sumpter Professorship
Knically Professorship in Leadership Studies	J. Clifford Todd Professorship in Longevity and Healthful Living
Lancaster Professorship	Margaret and Cal Turner Professorship in Journalism
James L. "Bud" Layne Professorship in Mechanical Engineering	Vitale Professorship in Entrepreneurship
LECO Professorship	Catherine C. Ward Visiting Professorship in Women's Studies
Lessenberry Professorship	Hays Watkins Professorship in Corporate Leadership
Mahurin Endowed Professorship in Gifted Studies	Hays Watkins Visiting CEO Professorship
W.M. and Ann A. McCormack Chair in Biotechnology	Wedge Visiting Professorship in Teacher Education

Scholarship Recipient Katherine S. Smith



When asked what receiving scholarship money has meant to her, WKU sophomore Katherine S. Smith can't help but express her gratitude. Whatever the amount, she realizes the power of every gift.

"Even \$200 in scholarship money can buy one or two books," she explains, clearly showing relief that she does not have the pressure to come up with the money on her own.

In addition, Katherine says it helps her family.

"My parents wanted me to go to a school where I could receive scholarship money. At

WKU, because of good grades, community involvement and activities, your home location, your parents' connections . . . there are so many things available to undergraduates," and all she had to do was apply.

Katherine notes that it's as easy as filling out an application to see what a student might receive.

"You don't have to have a 3.7. Sometimes even a 3.0 will work."

She is an example of what just applying can do.

"Having this money has definitely taken some of the pressure off my family, because now most of my tuition is paid. I also have several renewable scholarships that I will continue to receive as long as I am at WKU. And it helps my family because I have a 17-year-old brother who will be going to college soon. So my parents can continue to save for his education."

Because she realizes the benefit she has received from the gifts that provide her own scholarships, Katherine hopes to give back in the same way in the future.

"When I'm out in the world and established, giving back scholarship money is something I would definitely think about and try to do."

Because she also has been able to meet the donors of her scholarship at the annual Scholarship Celebration, Katherine sees that as something else positive about the whole experience.

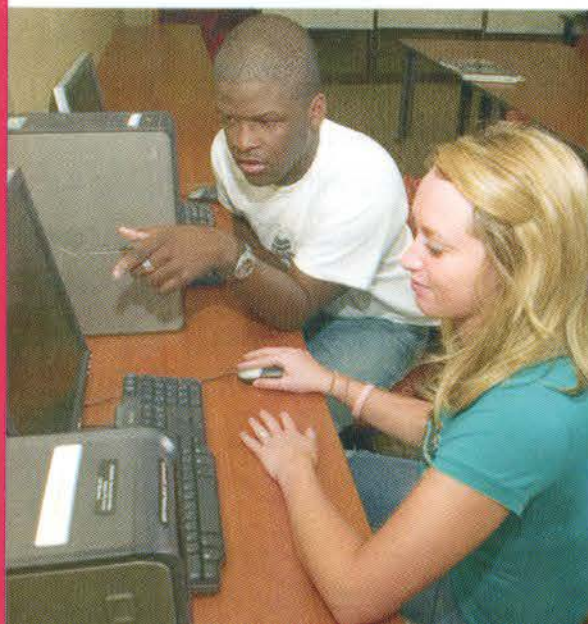
"It was really nice getting to sit and talk with the Scariots (who provide for the Broadway WKU Scholarship she receives) and meet some of the other students."

She sees both the money and the relationships as an investment in her and her future; all of which make her time on the Hill that much better.

How do endowed scholarships work?

A gift to establish an endowed scholarship allows you to support future students in perpetuity. The gift is left intact, while a portion of the investment return provides permanent support for the scholarship. Your endowed scholarship fund becomes a part of the University's permanent endowment, maintaining a separate identity as a specific account within the endowment.

The goal of WKU's Foundations is to invest endowed funds so they will grow and maintain their purchasing power through all economic cycles. Therefore, foundation policies strike a balance between providing spendable income in a given year and preserving the principal of the endowment base for the future. Your name lives on with the gift forever, and you help ensure the continued success of the University in the years to come.



WKU offers various named endowed scholarship opportunities, with minimum amounts described below.

Endowed Presidential Scholarship

(In-state tuition, housing allowance, meal allowance, book allowance) \$300,000 and above

Endowed Award of Excellence Scholarship

(In-state tuition, housing allowance, book allowance) \$250,000 and above

Endowed Regents Scholarship or Graduate Assistantship

(In-state tuition) \$150,000 and above

Endowed Award \$10,000 and above

Housing allowance \$80,000 and above

Meal allowance \$50,000 and above

Book allowance \$10,000 and above

WKUSPIRIT



New Support for a

World-Class Library System

WKU Libraries—Helm-Cravens Library, the Kentucky Library and Museum, Glasgow Campus Library, and the Educational Resource Center—support the University's focus on global issues. The libraries maintain and expand WKU's roles of teaching, research, and public service by serving as a comprehensive source of information access and education. As the WKU Libraries respond to educational, social, cultural, and economic development



needs, they become the gateway to an ever-expanding universe of information.

WKU Libraries feature an extensive collection of books, journals, artifacts, and electronic databases, and they create innovative, pioneering models of electronic library products. For example, WKU was the first university in the Commonwealth to develop a Web site, library blog, and library pod-

cast. Further, WKU is the first in Kentucky and among the first in the nation to create and expand an electronic library portal. This portal is a means to find the very best local, regional, national, and international Web sites in more than 30 categories, and it encompasses WKU's and the Kentucky Virtual Library's electronic resources and Web accessible catalogs, both including and exceeding commercial Internet service providers. Additionally, WKU offers the first centralized digital repository in the state that is dedicated to scholarly research, creative activity, and other full-text learning resources that merit permanent access. WKU Libraries continue to provide innovative opportunities for WKU faculty, staff, and students. By utilizing these advanced library resources, all will be encouraged both to initiate research and to publish their findings for future researchers.

Expansion of libraries collections and services guarantees a bright future for WKU and enhances its ability to attract the best of the best. Its vision of providing more valuable, high-quality information to more people in more ways continues to develop as WKU becomes a leading American university with international reach.



New Valuable Community Partnerships

WKU provides vital services to the community at large. The new Clinical Education Complex of WKU (CEC) is an interdisciplinary and collaborative project that creates a comprehensive clinical setting for education and health and human service professionals. It builds upon a strong tradition at WKU to meet local community needs, fill service-delivery gaps, provide opportunities for applied research, and enrich both undergraduate and graduate students' educational experiences through an interdisciplinary team approach. The CEC houses the Communication Disorders Clinic, Renshaw Early Childhood Center, Family Resource Center, Kelly Autism Program, Preston Acquired Brain Injury Resource Program, and Talley Family Counseling Clinic.

WKU's Division of Extended Learning and Outreach (DELO) facilitates outreach to business and industry by partnering with University faculty, departments, and colleges to meet the diverse needs of WKU's local, regional, and virtual communities

in responsive and engaging ways. The Carroll Knicely Conference Center, the Center for Training and Development, Continuing Education, Distance Learning, and regional campuses all work together to serve our extended regional community.

Finally, WKU's Center for Research and Development provides state-of-the-art research facilities and access to world-class applied research centers and scientists. The facility houses WKU's Applied Physics Institute, the Institute for Combustion Science & Environmental Technology, Materials Characterization Center and Cyber Defense Center, a Small Business Accelerator with 17 technology-based businesses, and the Innovation and Commercialization Center. The Center encourages and guides technology-based new businesses and facilitates the growth of existing businesses to the next platform. These and other important programs make WKU an important and valued community partner for Bowling Green, the Commonwealth of Kentucky, and beyond.



New State-of-the-Art Campus

The campus renovation and transformation that began in 1997 when President Gary Ransdell took office will continue through 2012 and beyond.

Between 1998 and 2006, more than \$291 million in capital projects had been completed or were underway on campus. Another \$250 million in projects are on the drawing board.

By 2012, the investment of more than \$500 million in campus improvements will have greatly enhanced academic programs, student life and athletic facilities as WKU strives to become a leading American university with international reach.

Prior to 1998, no new academic buildings had been constructed on the WKU campus since the early 1970s. Since then, two academic buildings -- Mass Media and Technology Hall and the Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences -- have been built and plans are under way for two more academic buildings, one to house the College of Education and Behavioral Sciences and one for the Gordon Ford College of Business.

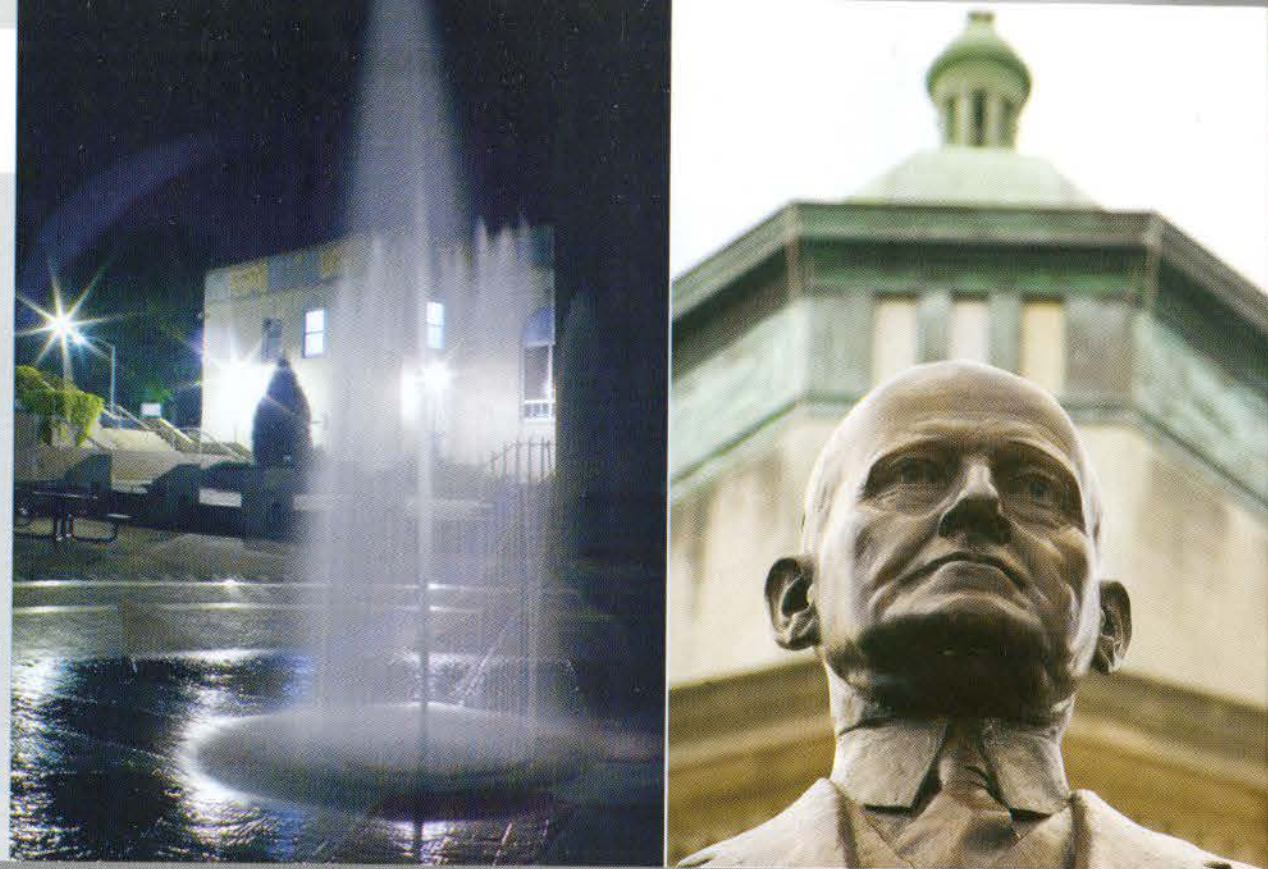
Athletic facilities, including Diddle Arena and Houchens Industries-L.T. Smith Stadium, have been

renovated. Residence halls and campus dining facilities have been improved. The Downing University Center has been renovated and expanded to include a student success center. Florence Schneider Hall has been renovated to house some of the state's best and brightest high school students in the *Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science*.

The conversion of the campus to a wireless environment and the replacement of the campus electrical systems have brought the latest in technological convenience to students, faculty and staff.

The Van Meter overlook, a picturesque feature since the facility opened in 1911, was rebuilt as the *Guthrie Family Overlook and Arboretum*. With a cupola designed to match Cherry Hall, the Guthrie Tower is a new landmark on the south end of campus. As part of the University's Centennial celebration, a new plaza and pedestrian mall were created.

In every renovation and construction project, an eye to the future has been balanced with a reverence for WKU's rich history, tradition, values and spirit as part of a transformation into *A New Century of Spirit*.



Major WKU Construction / Renovation projects since 1997

1997

Bowling Green Community College (South Campus)

1999

Hattie Preston Intramural Sports Complex

2000

Materials Characterization Center (South Campus)

Soccer Complex

Softball Field

2001

McLean Hall renovation

2002

Center for Research and Development (old Bowling Green Mall)

Guthrie Bell Tower

Northeast and Southwest halls renovation

2002 *Continued*

WKU-Elizabethtown campus collaboration in Central Regional Postsecondary Education Center

WKU-Glasgow campus collaboration in South Regional Postsecondary Education Center

2003

Diddle Arena renovation

Bates-Runner Hall renovation

Barnes-Campbell Hall renovation

Bemis Lawrence Hall renovation

Mass Media and Technology Hall

WKU Welcome Center (in Kentucky Building)

2004

Minton Hall renovation

Poland Hall renovation

2005

Nick Denes Baseball Field

WKU-Owensboro campus move to Owensboro Community and Technical College Campus

New Parking Structure

Complex for Engineering and Biological Sciences

2006

Clinical Education Complex

Parking and Transportation facility

2003-2006 Downing University Center expansion

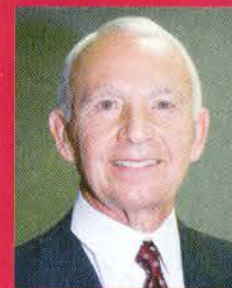
2007

Gatton Academy of Mathematics and Science in Kentucky

Health Services Building

Adams-Whitaker Student Publications Center

Houchens Industries L.T. Smith Stadium renovation
South Campus expansion



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Manchester Capital
Bowling Green, KY

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Campaign Cabinet

An important network of volunteers—the Campaign Cabinet—will help ensure WKU's success through the *New Century of Spirit* Campaign. Cabinet members set the tone of the Campaign and serve as ambassadors and advocates for WKU, effectively articulating the elements and goals of the Campaign. Cabinet members will join the entire WKU family of alumni and friends as we work to achieve our vision to be a leading American university with international reach.



New Century of Spirit Campaign Cabinet Members

Back row - Left to Right: Rick Starks, Tommy Hunt, Bud Layne, Rita Scott, John Grider, Bob Kirby, Belle Hunt, Bob Owsley, Jerry Baker, David Chandler. Front Row: John Kelly, Zuheir Sofia, Don Vitale, Rick Guillaume, Charles English, Sandy Jones, Covella Biggers, Don Greulich, Louis Berman

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Bowling Green, KY

Zuheir Sofia
Sofia & Co.
Columbus, OH

Rick Starks
Warren Rural Electric Coop
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Adventures of the



Windsor Castle, England
June 2007
Gary '74 and Julie Bowman



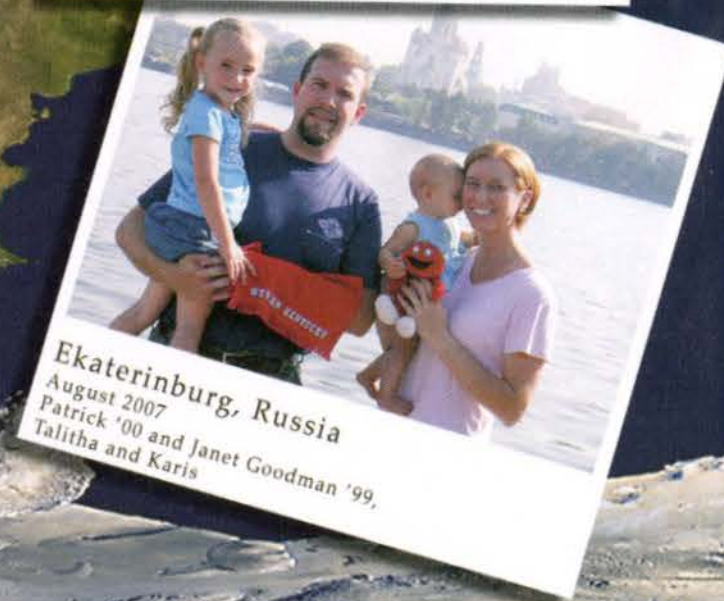
Hong Kong, China
July 2007
Dr. Jay Gabbard (WKU Social Work Faculty)
and Jeremiah Jagers '08



Abaco Islands, Bahamas
August 2007
Kyle and Andrea Elmore May '03 and Drew '02
and Jessica Jolly Byers '04

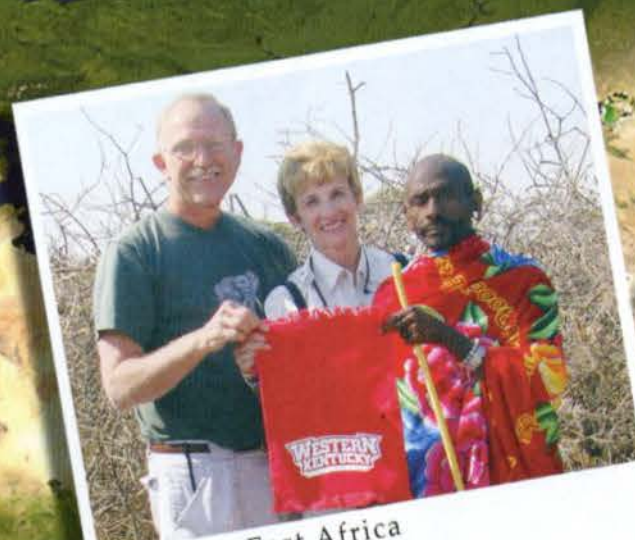


Santa Lucia, Dominican Republic
July 2007
Josh Hampton '02 and Harold McKee '91



Ekaterinburg, Russia
August 2007
Patrick '00 and Janet Goodman '99,
Talitha and Karis

RED TOWEL



Tanzania, East Africa
June 2007
Vicki '68 and Allan Harvey '69



Venice, Italy
June 2007
Casey '02 & Bonnie Elias Honaker '04



Mt. Fuji, Japan
August 2007
Evan '04 & Kelly Gill McCasland '01 and
Brad Parnell '02



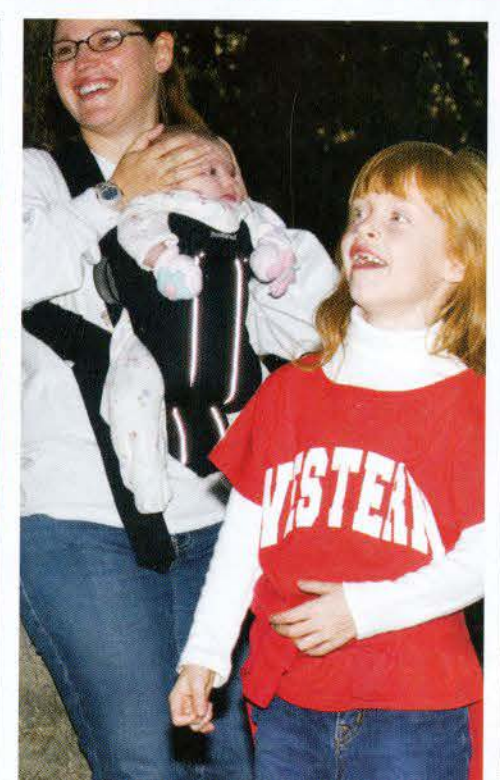
Kauai, Hawaii
July 2007
Anne '85 & Jim Pickens, Jr. '82,
Elizabeth and Katie



Ring of Kerry, Ireland
May 2007
Phyllis Schnacke '71, '76 and Kim Williams '98

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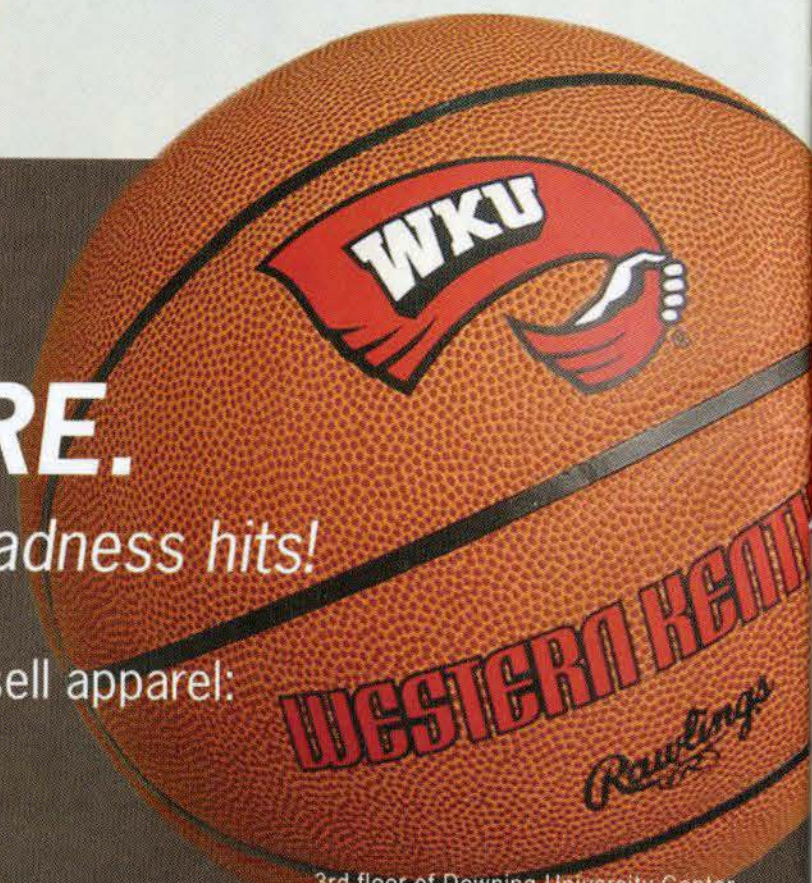
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Alumna
of the Year Recipient



Dr. Gary Ransdell (center) and Donald Smith (right) present the Alumna of the Year award to Carrie Barnette '95 (left).

Distinguished
Service Medal Recipients



Leo Peckenpaugh '74, '96 (left), Belle Lady Hunt '73, '77 (middle), Charles (Chuck) Clark '83 (right) receive the Distinguished Service medal.

Young Alumna
of the Year Recipient



Dr. Gary Ransdell (center) and Donald Smith (right) present the Young Alumna of the Year award to Terra Swanson Scovil '97 (left).

**Barren County
Alumni Chapter**

Sixth year - Chapter of Distinction



**Greater Louisville
Alumni Chapter**

Ninth year - Chapter of Distinction



**Heartland
Alumni Chapter**

Fourth year - Chapter of Distinction



Spirit of
Distinction Chapters



**Northern Kentucky/Greater
Cincinnati Alumni Chapter**

Third year - Chapter of Distinction



**Owensboro
Alumni Chapter**

Fourth year - Chapter of Distinction



**Warren County
Alumni Chapter**

Ninth year - Chapter of Distinction

Not Pictured: Muhlenberg County Alumni Chapter - Fifth year Chapter of Distinction Central Kentucky Alumni Chapter - Fourth year Chapter of Distinction

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WKU Alumni College
JUNE 5 - 8, 2008

The 6th annual Alumni College is a lifelong learning program for WKU alumni and friends. The program gives participants an opportunity to stay on campus while taking fun, educational classes. If you're looking to retake Chemistry 100, then Alumni College isn't for you! Participants enjoy a variety of classes from cooking to football to wine tasting and photography. The program allows alumni and friends to enjoy the great traditions of the past but also see the exciting changes that are taking place today on WKU's campus!

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Call them up and plan your Alumni College adventure together! For more information on the Alumni College program, call the WKU Alumni Association at 888-WKU-ALUM or e-mail ginny.hensley@wku.edu.

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Submit the following to receive an official Alumni College Brochure.

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**GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
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May 9-10, 2008
Honoring the Class of 1958

Do you ever think back to 1958 and your days on "the Hill?" Do you wonder how your college roommate is doing? Do you remember cheering on the Hilltoppers as they defeated Seton Hall in Madison Square Garden? What about who you danced with at the Talisman Ball? Does this bring back some great memories? If so, mark your calendars, call your college friends and make plans to attend the Golden Anniversary Club Reunion on May 9-10, 2008. WKU will be honoring the Class of 1958. If you would like more information, please contact your WKU Alumni Association at 888.WKU.ALUM or alumni@wku.edu.



WINNER

W.R. McNeill Elementary
 Kasey Pelham Gogett ('04, '06)
 3rd Grade

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Honorable Mention



▲ W.R. McNeill Elementary
 Debbie McCracken
 2nd Grade

▼ W.R. McNeill
 Elementary
 Molly McGill
 Kindergarten Class



▲ Alvaton Elementary
 Kathy Austin ('79,'98)
 6th Grade



Classnotes

Class Notes is a feature which allows WKU Alumni Association members to update fellow classmates on significant accomplishments that have happened in their lives. Sustaining alumni memberships are \$25 annually and lifetime memberships are \$500. If you wish to join the Alumni Association or publish announcements in Class Notes, please submit them to WKU Alumni Association, 1906 College Heights Blvd. #31016, Bowling Green, KY, 42101-1016 or via e-mail to alumni@wku.edu.

1940s



Johnny Magda ('40) former WKU halfback and naval aviator was inducted into the Kentucky Aviation Hall of Fame in November 2007.

The hall of fame is located at the Aviation Museum of Kentucky in Lexington. Johnny led the Blue Angels Demonstration Team in the early 1950s, Magda died in combat during the Korean War.

1950s

James W. Feix ('53,'58) of Bowling Green, Ky., will join a select group of very special Christian coaches and athletes as a member of the National FCA Hall of Champions. Coach Feix was chosen to be one of only three recipients this year.

1960s



Joe R. Cowles ('63) of Blacksburg, Va., professor of biological sciences, has been named associate dean for curriculum,

instruction, and advising for the College of Science at Virginia Tech.

Daniel G. Vara ('67) of Boston, Mass., returned to WKU this past

summer as a College Board instructor for the Advanced Placement Institute held at WKU for its 24th year. He was amazed to see all of the changes and phenomenal growth of WKU since his last visit and was honored to work with Dr. Julia Roberts. Dan taught teachers to instruct the Advanced Placement Human Geography Course.

1970s

Lillian ('73,'76) and Dr. John W. (Bill) Snaden, Professor of Geography ('67-'73) of Florence, S.C., were inducted into the South Carolina USA Track & Field Hall of Fame in October 2006. Lillian holds 18 world and national records in the weight and super weight throws and has won 28 national championships. She has officiated several world championships, more than 40 national championships and many Junior Olympic state championships. She has also been a USATF state record keeper and Masters Track & Field chair. Bill has won a world championship and several national race-walk championships from 5-30 kilometers. He was twice a national cross country champion.

COL Ginger (Johnson) Stapley ('73) of Lawrenceville, Ga., retired this year from the US Army Reserves after having served 33 years as a dietitian in the Army Medical Specialty Corps. She was mobilized in 2002 by the 3rd Medical Command for Operation Enduring Freedom, and was

extended for four and a half years on active duty in continued support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. She deployed to Kuwait in December 2002 for the initial invasion of Iraq, and served in the dual role of Chief Theater Medical Support Operations and Nutrition Consultant for all deploying Combat Support Hospitals. Col. Stapley was awarded the Legion of Merit for her outstanding service to the USAR. She currently resides in Lawrenceville, Ga. with her husband Cecil and three teenage children.



Philipp Erhardt ('79) of Charlotte, N.C. received a master's in business administration from the University of Phoenix in May 2007 and is with Sprint Corporation. Philipp, with wife **Bonnie (Berry) Erhardt ('79)**, and family have lived in Charlotte for 22 years. Bonnie holds a master's degree from Queen's College.

1980s

Laura (Emberton) Owens ('80,'87) of Franklin, Ky., was named Assistant to the President for Regional Development at the WKU Center for Regional Development in November 2007.



Dr. Vicki Phillips ('81,'88) serves as Director of Education for the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. She received her bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in school psychology from WKU. She also holds a doctorate in education from the University of Lincoln in England. Phillips oversees work to improve early learning in Washington state; to ensure U.S. high school students graduate ready for success in college, career, and life; and to improve access to college.

Phillips has committed her career to increasing educational opportunities for young people. Prior to joining the foundation, she was superintendent of Portland Public Schools in Portland, Ore. Earlier, Phillips was secretary of education and chief state school officer for the state of Pennsylvania and also served as superintendent of the School District of Lancaster, Pa. She has

Peter J. Edwards ('83) of Crestwood, Ky., was recently named vice president of market operations, Eastern Division of Humana. He oversees Humana's Medicare prescription drug plans and Medicare Advantage health plans, including Medicare HMO, PPO and private fee-for-service health plans, in the nation's 24 states located east of the Mississippi River. Edwards is responsible for the overall strategic direction, growth and profitability of Humana's Medicare business in the territory, where the company currently serves over 2.4 million Medicare members.

Martha (Parks) Johnson ('83) of Lexington, Ky., accepted a position at Croney & Clark located in Lexington as a Case Manager/Clinician working

with at risk children, providing therapy and wraparound services. Phillips worked with the U.S. Office of Education in Washington, D.C., and has been a middle and high school teacher. "I have had the privilege of working with the Gates Foundation for many years and am honored to join this remarkable organization," Phillips said. "I have been deeply struck not only by the foundation's commitment to the young people of this nation, but also by its willingness to tackle huge challenges in our education system, work very hard with its partners to learn lessons from the work and then to make the necessary adjustments that will ensure long-term change. I look forward to working with the Gates team and education partners across the country in pushing our education system to lift expectations for all students."

As director, Dr. Phillips will manage and build upon the foundation's overall high school work in 47 states and the District of Columbia, which supports more than 1,800 schools, including more than 1,100 new schools and nearly 800 redesigned schools, directly benefiting more than one million students.

with at risk children, providing therapy and wraparound services.

Mark Alcott ('89) and his wife, Shawn, of Bowling Green, Ky., announce the birth of their third child, Lilah Maria, born on July 26, 2007. She joins sister Bella Marie and brother Finn David.



Christopher L. Gaddis ('89,'91) and his wife, Cate, of Owensboro, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their son, James "Walker"

Gaddis. He weighed 6 pounds, 2 ounces and was 19 inches long.

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1990s

Susan (Stambro) Thomison ('90, '91) of Bowling Green, Ky., was awarded the Kentucky Business Education Association's 2007 Outstanding Secondary Teacher Award in July 2007.

Dennis Bishop ('91), Karl Miller ('91, '00) and Mark Miller ('95) of Harned, Ky., Round Rock, Texas, and Flower Mound,

Texas, placed second in an Olympic distance triathlon relay as Team Topper Tri in Canyon Lakes, Texas. Joining the team at the race on Oct. 20 were WKU alumni and friends **Ashley Willoughby ('91, '00)** of Elizabethtown, Ky., and **Jeremy Lasley ('92)** of Ann Arbor, Mich.



Steven Mason ('91) and his wife, Amy-Beth, of Ft. Worth, Texas, are pleased to announce the arrival of Clare Elizabeth on Sept.

18, 2007. Clare weighed 6 pounds, 6 ounces and joins big sister, Ruthie.

Denise Rae (Fenimore) Brown ('93) and

her husband, Stephen, of Murrells Inlet, S.C., are happy to announce the birth of their second child, Anna Grace Brown. She was born Jan. 11, 2006. Matthew, pictured with Anna, is the proud big brother.



Grady Bullington ('93, '94) of Oshkosh, Wis., was awarded tenure at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh in July 2007.

Jason Scott Embry ('94) of Jacksonville, Ill., has been appointed Vice President for Institutional Advancement at Illinois College. He will provide leadership to staff responsible for fundraising, alumni activities, communications and marketing.



Jennifer (Moore) Marshall ('95) of Brentwood, Tenn., joined the Tennessee Agents Alliance Group (TAAG) as a marketing representative.

William ('95) and Jennifer (Harlow) Skaggs ('02) of Cross Plains, Tenn., are pleased to announce the birth of Benjamin Frederick, born on Feb. 27, 2007. Proud grandparents are Fred ('69, '70) and Ruth (Rogers) Skaggs ('68, '69) and Dana Pedigo ('70, '84).



Maria Ann Summerlin ('95) of Orlando, Fla., a registered professional geologist, has been named the new branch manager for the Orlando branch of S&ME. S&ME is an award-winning engineering and environmental services firm.



Brian Szeremeta ('95) and his wife, Angela, of Chelsea, Ala., are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Cooper Edan Szeremeta. He was born on May 16, 2007, and weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces. Cooper is their second son and was welcomed home by his big brother Anson Parker.

Sarah E. Cottongim ('96) of Independence, Ky., was promoted to US Sales Manager, Molecular Diagnostics and Proteomics with BD Diagnostics.

Susan (Kerr) Jenkins ('96) of Mt. Washington, Ky., was promoted to Technology Integration Specialist for Bullitt County Public Schools. She received a master's in Information Studies/Technology Management from Florida State University in May 2006, which allowed her to obtain one of three Technology Integration Specialist positions. This is the first year for these positions to be implemented in Bullitt County as they work on making teachers and students life-long users of technology.



Kim (Frazor) Carter ('97) and her husband, Scott, of Spring Hill, Tenn., would like to announce the birth of their son, Landon Scott

Carter, on Sept. 28, 2006. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces and was 21 inches long.



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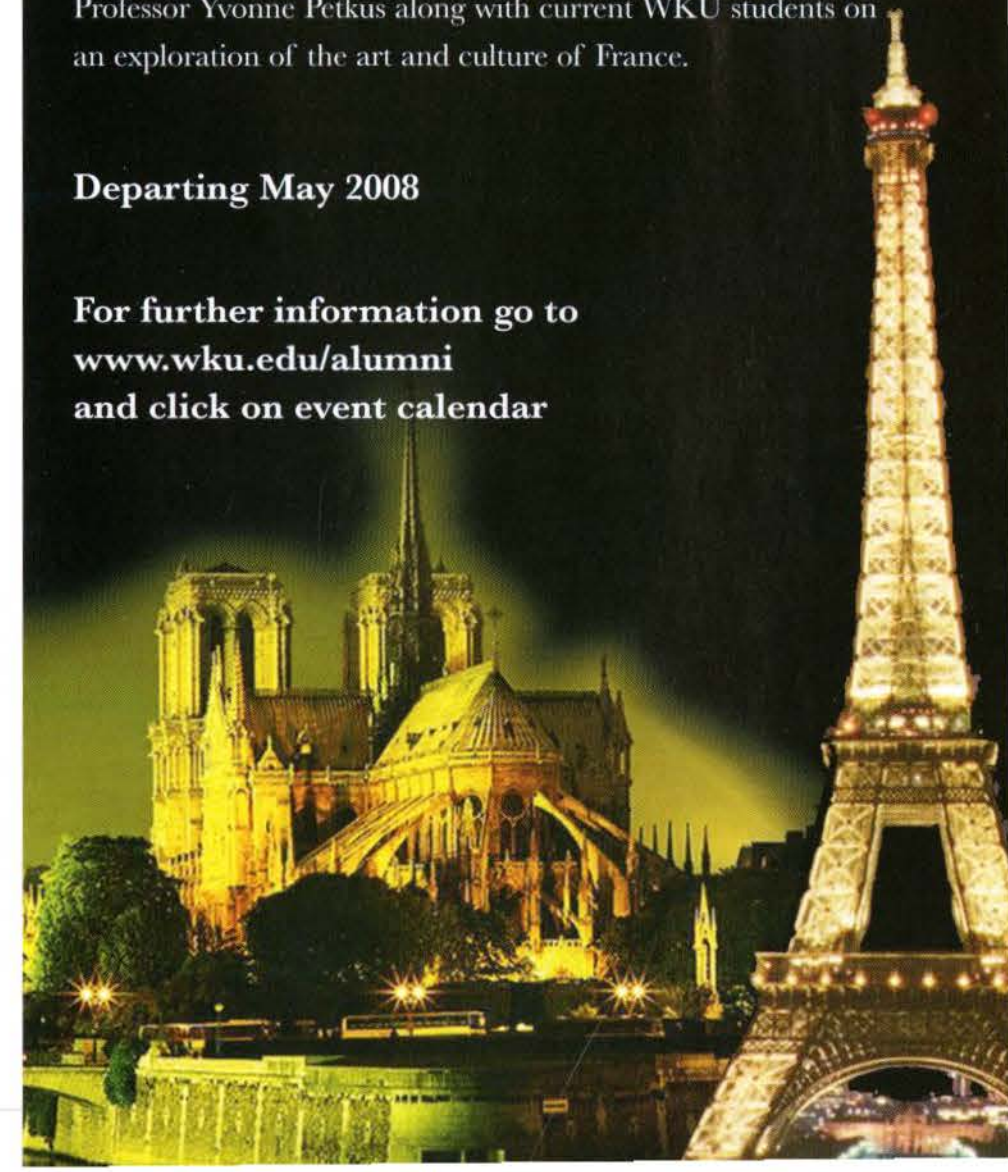
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Andy Spears ('97, '99) of Hendersonville, Tenn., is the new Director of Policy and Outreach at Tennessee Stand for Children, a grass-roots lobbying organization focused on K-12 education policy.

Karena "Rena" (Pendley) Young ('98) of Greenville, Ky., was promoted to Director of Marketing & Public Relations for Trover Health System located in Madisonville, Ky. She has been with the organization for over seven years and has held a variety of positions in the Marketing/PR department.



Chad W. Goldman ('99, '01) and his wife, Summer, of Grandview, Ind., announce the birth of their first child, William Cole, on

March 21, 2007. Will weighed 7 pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long.

Tommy Roberts ('99) and his wife, Mandy, of Lexington, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters.

Ava Madeline (L) and Hadley Elise (R), were born May 12, 2007. Ava weighed 5 pounds and was 18 inches long. Hadley weighed 5 pounds and was 17½ inches long.



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2000s



Leigh Kendrick Meredith ('00) of Louisville, Ky., daughter of Don ('63) and Cheryl ('72) Meredith and 2003 graduate of Capital University

Law School, was selected for Staff Attorney III with the Kentucky Justice and Public Safety Cabinet. She will be working primarily for the Department of Juvenile Justice (a division of the Justice and Public Safety Cabinet) doing prosecutorial trial work with juvenile offenders in criminal courts across Kentucky, as well as assisting with mass litigation cases for the Justice Cabinet.

Thomas Specht ('00) of Sebastopol, Calif., has expanded his thoroughbred racehorse business with Big Red Racing, LLC.

Specht is relocating to Churchill Downs and invites all WKU alumni to check out www.bigredracingllc.com for more information.



CPT Michael D. Armstrong ('01) of Tell City, Ind., returned home from deployment, from Balad Air Base, Iraq in August 2007. He was deployed 36th Combat Aviation Brigade for Operation Iraqi Freedom. His wife, Gretchen, and daughters, Emma and Anna, were thankful to welcome him home.



Steven ('01) and Victoria (Mize) Freeman ('98) of Bowling Green, Ky., are



proud to announce the birth of their twin daughters, Ava Lewis and Caroline Marie. They were born June 2, 2006, and weighed 5 pounds 15 ½ ounces and 6 pounds 2 ½ ounces. They were welcomed home by big sister Julia Kirby.



Jamie S. ('01, '03) and Leslie (Anderson) Zeller ('05) of Nashville, Tenn., were married July 14, 2007. Several alumni and friends

of WKU were in attendance to enjoy a delicious Big Red cake.

Chandra K. Beyer ('02), is serving in a supply specialist unit attached to a medical company for the U.S. Army at Camp Stanley in South Korea. Beyer graduated from basic training in May 2007 and advanced individual training in July 2007. Since joining the U.S. Army in May, she has earned the Global War on Terrorism Service Ribbon, the National Defense Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon, the Korea Service Ribbon, the Army Service Ribbon, and the Unit Citation Ribbon.



Dr. Lyndsay H. McCaslin ('02)

of New Port Richey, Fla., is celebrating one year in practice with Drs. Shelton, Thompson, and VonSick Cosmetic and Family Dentistry. She has worked with the Pasco County Kids First Network, Give Kids a Smile, the United Way, and was a 2007 nominee for Queen Chasco, an award which focuses on outstanding service to the West Pasco Community.



TopperTalk Spotlight



Meet Tyler Hart. He is a Junior Social Studies major from Monticello, KY. His hobbies include 4-wheeling, target shooting, and hanging out with his friends. Tyler is also a student caller for TopperTalk, the student calling program at WKU. He has been a caller for three years, but this year took on the role of Night Leader, an added leadership position on top of calling! Look for his call during the year, because, he, along with the other student callers, look forward to talking to you!

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Christina (Harmon) ('04,'07) and Nicholas Addington ('05) of Bowling Green, Ky., were married on June 2, 2007, at Living Hope Baptist Church in Bowling Green. Christina works in the Men's Basketball office at WKU and Nicholas is a process engineer for Bowling Green Metalforming. The couple first met at WKU in 2004.



Matthew ('04) and Jamie (Flaim) Rhoads ('03) of Owensboro, Ky., are proud to announce the birth of a baby boy, Madden Nolan. He was born on May 17, 2007, and weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.



Donna Reed ('06) of Bowling Green, Ky., was promoted to regional development director for the Sigma Kappa Foundation. She

is charged with securing donors for its Sigma Kappa alumnae graduates of the last decade (GOLD) program.

Ross Richey ('06) of Central City, Ky., has been accepted into the State Auto Insurance Companies' prestigious PaceSetter program. Only 100 insurance agents nationwide are chosen to participate in this yearlong commitment to professional and personal growth.



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CAPITOL SPOTLIGHT

Kentucky State Representative Johnny Bell - Glasgow, KY



Representative Johnny Bell of Glasgow graduated from WKU in 1994 with a Bachelor's Degree in General Studies and earned his J.D. from the Salmon P. Chase School of Law in 2000. A partner in the firm of Gillenwater, Hampton and

Bell, he was elected to the Kentucky House of Representatives in 2006 and represents Barren County and part of Warren County.

As a non-traditional student, Rep. Bell completed a portion of his WKU degree at the Glasgow campus. "The extended campus offered me a wonderful opportunity to go to school and work full time. There was such an outgoing spirit at WKU, and I found the professors to be helpful and dedicated," he said. "It was a WKU professor who told me I should go into politics. I laughed at first, but that gave me confidence to pursue that dream later."

Rep. Bell hopes to have an impact on economic development, education and health care during his time in state government. "We need to further develop our economic base. Bowling Green is doing well, but Glasgow and some of the eastern parts of the state need more attention", Bell said. "We need health care reform so that there is health insurance coverage for all people who are in need of medical treatment, and

I've worked on that issue. I also think we need to do more for our colleges to help them slow tuition growth. The state needs to help so that everyone can have an opportunity to get an education. We are moving forward but still have some work to do."

Rep. Bell was able to gain passage of a bill during his first session that changed economic development incentives for companies that locate adjacent to a postsecondary education center. The new law paved the way for the location of Sitel in Glasgow on a site next to the WKU Glasgow campus. "We have lost a lot of manufacturing plants in the last five years in Barren County," Bell said, "and that was something to give us hope for the future."

After serving a full year in the Kentucky General Assembly, Rep. Bell said that he has been impressed with the genuine, sincere desire that House members have to do things to benefit the state. "The House is a cross section of individuals with different ideals. It's a good system, and it works well for all of us in the Commonwealth of Kentucky," he said.

Rep. Bell serves on the Banking and Insurance, State Government, Transportation, and Agriculture and Small Business committees, as well on a subcommittee of the Judiciary Committee. He and his wife, Carla, have two sons, Jeremiah, who is a sophomore at WKU, and Matthew, a sophomore at Barren County High School.

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Dr. Raymond B. Preston ('40, '03), a former WKU regent, Henderson businessman, and philanthropist, passed away August 17, 2007. Preston and his wife, Hattie, were avid supporters of WKU and gave back to many local causes through the Raymond B. Preston Family Foundation. In honor of their 50th Anniversary, the Preston Family Foundation made a significant gift, enabling construction to begin on the Raymond B. Preston Health & Activities Center. Because of Raymond Preston's generosity and vision, a legacy of health and recreation thrives at WKU.

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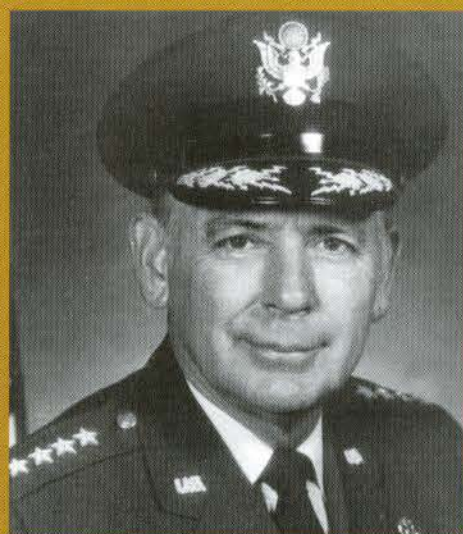
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General Russell E. Dougherty ('41), a legendary U.S. Air Force General, was the recipient of many honors, citations, and awards. As a B-17 bomber pilot in WWII, and increasingly higher posts, he reached the level of a four star General where he was greatly admired by all who served with him or knew him. The death of General Dougherty took from the WKU family a genuine icon who should be remembered for his dedication to WKU.

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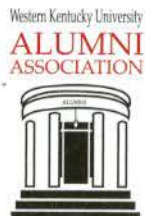
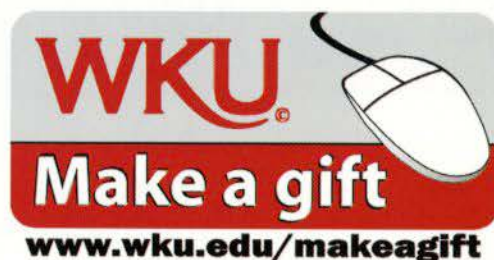




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